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## BITTERROOT EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
600 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Hamilton  
363-3025

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
203 Main Street in Stevensville  
777-0028

March 2011

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### Events at St. Paul's

Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Steve Oreskovich

March 8, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5 – 7 p.m.

March 9, Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30 p.m.

March 9 & 10, Retreat with Rev. Bill Baumgarten

March 13, Daylight Savings – Spring forward!

March 21, ECW Meeting 1:30 p.m.

March 31, Vestry 7 p.m.

Monday Program, March 14, 21, 28 5:30 p.m.

### Events at St. Stephen's

Every Sunday, Noon Holy Eucharist with Rev. Steve Oreskovich

March 4, First Friday downtown Stevensville

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**BURNING OF THE ASHES** Please bring your palms from prior years to church before Shrove Tuesday. Father Bill will burn these thus creating the ashes to be used on Wednesday March 9th for the imposition of ashes during the Ash Wednesday service.

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**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** All you can eat! Adults \$5, Children \$2.50 (over 5), Families \$15 (4 or more). Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY & PARISH RETREAT** Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. Father Bill will conduct a Parish Retreat following this service, ending at 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening the Retreat will continue 6:30- 8:00 p.m. On Friday Father Bill will be available for personal counseling/communication sessions with participants. Retreat entitled "Prayer: into the Way of Jesus" (Philippians 2:6-11). For more information contact Alana Cruse at 381-3534.

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**HOLY WEEK** The Rev. Bill Baumgarten will return and, working with Rev. Steve Oreskovich, will take us through the various celebrations/services of Holy Week, including the Maundy Thursday Night meal and table Eucharist including Foot Washing, Good Friday services, the Easter Vigil on Saturday and Easter Sunday celebration.

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**MONDAY EVENING PROGRAM** Those who have coordinated dinners for the past 5 weeks deserve a big *Thank YOU!* Thanks go specifically to Paul & Lynda Nelson, Chris Wise, Dr. Mike & Terry Moran, Julie Miller, Carol Cash, Bob & Linda Carmody, Aaron & Jen Carmody, Amy James-Linton and Brenda Oreskovich. Thanks also for all the helpers who set up, cleaned up and brought sides and desserts. The food, as always, was delicious! Starting March 14<sup>th</sup>, the next 5 week program focusing on our youth begins. Dinner served at 5:30 followed by various teachings, including Acolyte training and Godly Play. There are still opportunities to help on the sign-up sheet or call Jocelyn.

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**Narnia's Wardrobe** With high school proms coming up soon, it's once again time to activate "Narnia's Wardrobe." Please keep your eye out for new or gently used formal wear (long dresses, short dresses, tuxedos, shoes, accessories, etc.) which could be donated to our borrowing closet which is housed in the Guild House. All donations are tax deductible. This is a wonderful service that our congregation provides for young people who want to attend a formal dance but want to keep the cost down. A \$5.00 deposit is requested for items which are checked out and these should be returned clean. If you know someone who is interested in borrowing formal wear, please have them make an appointment for a fitting: Jen 381-1150, Marie 529-2526, Dee 381-7727 or any other member of St. Paul's who is willing to help out!

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**ERD Easter Eggs** This year we are launching a new campaign for Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)--- Easter Eggs! Children of St. Paul's along with any interested adults are invited to decorate and sell Easter eggs. The proceeds from these sales will be sent to ERD to purchase flocks of chickens for people in developing nations. This provides a sustainable source of protein and income for those families. We're planning on decorating eggs after church on March 6th and 20th and selling them up to Easter. Please consider purchasing an egg--- a low fat addition to any Easter basket!

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**The Haven House collection** is now a basket found behind the last pew. Our donations of non-perishable food will be received weekly. When the offering is brought forward following announcements, the basket will be brought forward at the same time.

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**Help Wanted at St. Paul's** The remaining are in need of volunteers

- Coffee Hour Chair
- Seasonal Decorator/ Basement
- Easter Sunday
- Halloween Sunday
- Advent Wreath Building
- Welcoming Committee
- Youth Activities Coordinator
- Teachers
- Nursery Room Coordinator
- Shawl Ministry Chair
- Postcard Communications
- Sunday Altar Flower Arranging
- Clean Altar Linens Monthly
- Basement Bulletin Board

**Camp Marshall: How can you help Camp Marshall?** How can you become involved in this very important ministry in our diocese? First and foremost, sign up for camp! Early registration is recommended and requested as this helps the staff in planning for the camp season. The camps do fill up fast and you don't want to be turned away. Register by picking up a "tear off sheet" on the Camp Marshall photo board in the parish hall or online at [www.mtepiscope.org](http://www.mtepiscope.org) and follow the links tab to Camp. If you can't attend camp, there are many other ways to help. Our goal is to have 5,500 hours of volunteer labor. Your first opportunity is coming right up with the Labor of Love weekend, April 29-May 1. You don't have to commit to the whole weekend, many families go for just one day) and you can lend your help with general labor, plumbing, electrical, construction, etc. The food is amazing. Carpooling is an option with people from Holy Spirit.

During the camp season, you can volunteer your time in nursing, counseling or food service. This can be in one week increments, just let Dave Campbell know of your availability. You might also consider sponsoring a child for Grace Camp. This ministry is for children of incarcerated parents and is funded entirely by sponsorships.

Other Special Projects: acquiring a 14 passenger van, acquiring a pontoon boat to replace an old and very tired tri-hull, purchasing portable recording equipment, raising funds to support the Grace Camp program, seeking financial support to provide scholarships and support to camp staff, continue to grow the Camp endowment, revamping the chapel area trails and seating, and a major remodel of the Canterbury "Staff House."

Please pray for this ministry and if you feel you can help financially, you can do so either through your local church or online at [www.mtepiscope.org](http://www.mtepiscope.org) and clicking on the 'Donations' button on the main page.

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**Camp Marshall Women's Retreat & Quilting Weekend**

March 24-27 on Flathead Lake at Camp Marshall

Quiet, Quilting and Quotidian Quotations'

Retreat subject: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Rev. Pattiann, Retreat Leader

Ages: 16 and up please join us for a restful & peace filled few days...

Register online at [Register Now!](#) or go to [www.mtepiscope.org](http://www.mtepiscope.org)

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**Ministry Skills Worship 2 will be April 8 in Helena**

- The Rev. Bob Honeychurch, the Episcopal Church's Officer for Congregational Vitality, will give the keynote address on Friday evening: "New Life, New Hope, New Vision"
- Saturday workshop on planning for the future, the Rev. Bob Honeychurch
- Saturday workshop on Acolyte Training, Canon Clark Sherman and Marcia Lauzon
- Saturday workshop on Audit Training, Canon Barb Hagen
- Saturday workshop on Godly Play, Dr. Jamie Sherman
- Saturday work project, Helena Food Share

All are welcome to this free event. Register on the website [www.mtepiscope.org](http://www.mtepiscope.org)

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**The BISHOP'S ROUND-UP**, is an occasional news bulletin from Bishop Brookhart, the staff, people and clergy of the Diocese of Montana.

Go online to [www.mtepiscope.org](http://www.mtepiscope.org)

**Bishop's Calendar**

2/28- 3/2: Bishop at General Seminary, NYC

3/6: visitation to Holy Spirit, Missoula

3/1: Institution of the Rev. Joan Yetter as Rector, Calvary, Red Lodge, 2 PM

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**"WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS"**-

-- a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Bishop Brookhart

Nov. 4-13. Limit: 30 people. Cost: \$3,000 (covers air fare, three-star accommodation, two or three meals a day, bus service, guide service, entry fees). The diocesan web site has the detailed itinerary, the registration form, and a cover letter from the Bishop. August 1 is the last day to reserve a spot; first-come-first-serve.

Community News

**2011 Lenten Luncheons 12:00 Noon**

- March 9 First Presbyterian Church
- March 16 Corvallis Methodist Church
- March 23 St Francis Catholic Church
- March 30 UMAB–Federated Church
- April 6 Faith Lutheran Church
- April 13 First Christian Church

Everyone is invited to attend this ecumenical Lenten journey. Donations after expenses - to benevolence of the Ravalli County Ministerial Association.

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Save the date....Joy Retreat May 13th and 14th. *The Banquet of the Beloved*

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**PFLAG Why God's Love Embraces the Gay Community** March 7, 7 p.m.

Rev. Steve Oreskovich will present an exploration of an understanding of God, and the inclusive nature of God's love using contemporary theology, our experience and our ability to reason. The discussion will be framed by the passage from 1 John: "God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him. In love there can be no fear, but fear is driven out by perfect love. We are to love, then, because he loved us first." For more information about PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) contact 363-7656 or visit [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org) PFLAG meets again on Thurs, March 17, 7 p.m.

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**Lent Vespers at Faith Lutheran Church** Be welcome and join your friends in Christ at Faith Lutheran for physical and spiritual food this Lent! Soup's on at 6:15, with Holden Evening Prayer following at 7:00pm. Begins Wednesday, March 16. Ash Wednesday service at Faith March 9, also at 7pm.

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**Community Preventative Health Screening** Friday, April 15, 2011 at Ravalli  
County Fairgrounds. For more information call 1-888-653-6441 or  
[www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com)

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